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WHARFEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 13/47, the Report is prepared on the lines of that for 1945.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registrar General's estimated population for 1946 - 5,428.

	Live Births.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.
Legitimate	50	34	84	15.47
Illegitimate	1	2	3	0.55
Total	51	36	87	16.02

	Still Births.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.
Legitimate	0	2	2	0.36
Illegitimate	0	0	0	Nil
Total	0	2	2	0.36

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Infantile Mortality Rate.
Legitimate	2	2	4	47.61 per 1,000 legitimate live births.
Illegitimate	0	1	1	333.33 per 1,000 Illegitimate live births.
Total	2	3	5	57.47 per 1,000 Legitimate and illegitimate live births

DEATHS.

Males.	Females.	Total.
26	30	56

Death Rate per 1,000 civilian population:- 10.31.

CAUSES OF DEATH - RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 14	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2
No. 15	Cancer of breast	2
No. 16	Cancer of all other sites	3
No. 18	Intra-cranial vascular lesions	9
No. 19	Heart diseases	17
No. 20	Other diseases of circulatory system	1
No. 21	Bronchitis	4
No. 23	Pneumonia	3
No. 32	Congenital Malformations and Infantile Diseases	2
No. 33	Suicide	1
No. 34	Road traffic accidents	1
No. 35	Other violent causes	5
No. 36	All other causes	6
		56

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1946.

CIVILIANS ONLY.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	20	19	0
Whooping Cough	11	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Measles	5	1	0
Pneumonia	10	0	3
Dysentery	19	2	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
Total	68	22	3

Disease.	AGE GROUPS.							
	0-	1-	8-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65 and over.
Scarlet Fever	0	0	3	15	2	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	3	6	1	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Measles	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	3
Dysentery	0	0	0	16	1	2	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCABIES.

8 cases of Scabies were notified, all of which received treatment at home.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 -	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
15 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 -	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 -	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

WATER.

(1) The water supply of the area, with the exception of Clifton-w-Norwood, has been satisfactory in the main both in quality and in quantity. Schemes have been prepared for new water supplies both in Clifton and Norwood.

(11) Bacteriological and chemical examinations are made periodically of the raw water of the Council's own supplies. A great part of the area is supplied by water obtained from Leeds and Otley.

(111) The supply of water from the Otley reservoirs is treated by the addition of silicates before delivery, and the pH. value estimated daily.

(1V) Notices are exhibited at Newall-w-Clifton advising all householders to boil the water before domestic use.

(V) The greater part of the area has a piped water supply direct to the houses, but in Clifton-w-Norwood, Newall-w-Clifton and Weston, there are still a number of farms and cottages supplied from stand pipes

SEWERAGE.

An option of land has been obtained for the very much needed extension of the Pool Sewerage Works. A new sewer has been completed at Middleton which conveys the sewerage into an Ilkley Sewer.

HOUSING.

Eight Swedish houses are under construction at Pool and a scheme is in preparation for the erection of 32 traditional houses.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

All the factories have been visited during the year, the total inspections numbering 45.

The conditions as regards general cleanliness, ventilation, air-space sanitary accommodation and drainage of floors, are in accordance with the Regulations.

There is no out-work performed in the Area.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor follows.

This is the last Annual Report I shall have the honour of submitting to the Council, and I wish to thank the Chairman and Members very sincerely for their great help and appreciation of Public Health problems. I also realise how great has been the help accorded to me by the Sanitary Inspector, the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and other Officers during my many years of office, and to all of them I offer my warmest thanks.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WOLFE M.D.,B.S.,D.P.H.,

September 1947.

WHARFEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Rural Council Offices,
Boroughgate,
Otley.
September 1947.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to submit my Twentyfirst Annual Report upon the Sanitary work carried out in your district during the year ended 31st December 1946.

The Report is in the same abbreviated form as that for 1945, and is in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Unfortunately there has not been the anticipated relaxation of controls on labour and materials and, in consequence, building development has been severely curtailed.

However, in spite of the many difficulties, 14 houses were completed during the year by private enterprise, and permission has been given for the construction of 35 more, but when these are erected no further licences can be issued.

The 8 Swedish houses being built by the Council at Pool have been commenced, and 32 traditional houses will also be constructed.

Several improvements have been carried out as will be seen from the list of nuisances, but Contractors are very handicapped by restrictions on the supply of materials and the progress of all work is very slow.

The year commenced with 4 nuisances brought forward from 1945 and these, together with a further 358, have been dealt with during the year. At the close of 1946 5 nuisances still required attention.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

I have carried out a periodical inspection of all Factories in the area and have been satisfied as to their cleanliness, lighting, ventilation and general sanitary arrangements.

There has not been any nuisance caused by the emission of black smoke nor have I received any complaints from H.M. Inspector of Factories.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are 4 licensed Slaughterhouses - one less than in 1945 - and they are situate as follows:-

Bramhope	1
Pool	1
Langbar	1
Norwood	1

Owing to change of occupancy, the use of one Slaughterhouse at Langbar has been discontinued.

The Government restrictions are still in force as to the slaughter of meat from this area at the Otley Abbattoir, and the privately owned premises are therefore only used for the slaughter of pigs required for home consumption.

They have been periodically inspected and I have not had cause to complain in any instance.

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year:-

	Slaughtered.	Inspected.
Pigs	93	64
Sheep	-	-
Beasts	-	-

It has not been necessary to condemn any meat as unfit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

During the year food has been inspected and dealt with as follows:-

Type of Food.	Quantity.	Action Taken.
Corned Beef	18 lbs.	Decomposed and destroyed.
Peas	39 cwts.20 lbs.	Dirty and filled with mouse dirt - condemned & used for animal feeding.
Beans	15 cwts. 2 lbs.	ditto.
Pork Luncheon Meat	2½ lbs.	Decomposed and destroyed.
Baking Powder	20 cwts.	Sour & gaseous - destroyed.
Condensed Milk	59-13 ozs.tins.	Blown and destroyed.
Butter	19 lbs.	Rancid and returned to Wholesalers.

One Certificate has been issued for the sale and storage of Ice Cream at Premises at Bramhope.

These were inspected prior to issue of the Certificate and complied in all respects with the regulations.

SEWERAGE.

Owing to pollution of the dyke with sewage, it has been necessary to fix new tippler brackets on the distributor at the Camp Plantation Sewageworks and since this was carried out the plant, although heavily taxed, has been fairly satisfactory.

I have again had to require the Owner of the private sewageworks at Carlton to carry out repairs to the tippler and also to remove an obstruction from a length of sewer.

Defects were found in the sludge pump at the Pool Works and the services of two Engineers from the Makers were obtained. The pump was thoroughly overhauled and new parts provided and has since functioned quite satisfactorily.

The negotiations for additional land are still proceeding and until this is obtained filtration conditions are very difficult.

At Clifton a nuisance was being caused by the discharge of sewage into an open ditch which overflowed on to a field. Land tile drains were laid to take the sewage and there is not any further cause for complaint.

The Works at Askwith continue to give every satisfaction, and it has not been necessary to carry out any repairs

During the year the following lengths of sewer have been laid by the Council:-

New Bank, Pool	121 yards	9" pipes.
Old Bank, Pool	425 yards	6" pipes.
High Ridge, Bramhope	37 yards	6" pipes.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Two samples of water have been taken for chemical examination and the reports thereon are as follows:-

	Number.	Result.
Nesfield School Camp	1	Satisfactory.
Beacon Hill House	1	"

Fourteen samples of water have been taken for bacteriological examination and the reports thereon are as follows:-

	Number.	Result.
Timble Great Water Supply	4	Satisfactory.
Spring at Black Foss Farm, Langbar	1	"
Snowden Moor (No. 6 Spring)	1	"
Scales House Farm, Askwith	1	"
Bridge Cottages, Blubberhouses	1	"
Fewston Post Office	1	"
School House, Fewston	1	"
Nesfield School Camp	1	"
Blubberhouses Post Office	1	Not satisfactory.
High Houses Farm, Fewston	1	"
Pump at Roebuck Inn, Clifton	1	"

In previous reports I have referred to a scheme for supplying wholesome water to Fewston and Blubberhouses, but unfortunately this has not yet been commenced. The Post Office at Blubberhouses and the farm at Fewston from which unsatisfactory samples have been obtained, will then receive a supply from the new source.

The negotiations in connection with the scheme for Clifton, to which reference was also made in my last report, are still proceeding, and this will provide for a service to the Roebuck Inn, the existing supply to which, as will be seen from the above list of analyses, is not satisfactory.

In order to obtain more pressure on the present supply to Clifton Village, a new storage tank has been constructed at a higher level than the old dilapidated tank, and 59 yards of 9" earthenware pipe have been laid from the source to this tank.

During the year a shortage of water was experienced at Timble Great and after considerable testing of the main 5 bursts were located on various lengths. In addition 2 service pipes were burst and naturally a great deal of water was being run to waste. After repair of the pipes the supply was soon restored and has since been quite adequate.

Several bursts also occurred on the Council's supply at Pool and as the pipes are old and corroded it was decided to relay the main and a contract for this work has been let. In addition a larger storage tank will be constructed and it is hoped that, when the work is completed, the supply will be satisfactory.

A temporary shortage of water was experienced at Nesfield owing to a burst on the main, but this was soon located and repaired.

Minor repairs have been carried out to the water pumping plant at Askwith, which continues to be generally satisfactory.

Owing to a fire at the Norwood Pumping Station the supply of water to 12 farms and 5 cottages was completely cut off. To meet the emergency a temporary engine was installed to work the pumps until the repairs could be permanently carried out.

During the year under review, new mains have been laid as follows:-

Parish.	Length of Main.	Diameter of Pipe.
Bramhope	233 yards	4" pipes.
Pool	83 yards	4" pipes.
Pool	2 yards	6" pipes.
Pool	248 yards	9" pipes.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

In these days of crisis agriculture plays an ever more important role, and as a rural district is naturally the heart of agriculture, much time has been given to inspection of farms.

Farmers are kept busy reaping and sowing to provide foodstuffs, and they are also responsible for the supply of the Nation's milk, which is of extreme importance, and whenever possible I have urged that cattle rearing premises be improved and used for milk production.

Last year we had on the register 164 wholesalers and this year a further 5 have commenced milk production bringing the total number registered to 169.

Samples of milk have continued to be taken from "Accredited" and "Tuberculin Tested" farms, and altogether 178 were obtained, 139 of which were satisfactory and 39 not satisfactory.

Owing to shortage of fuel I find that in several instances sterilizing plants are not being used, and this is no doubt responsible for quite a number of unsatisfactory milk samples. I know that additional fuel can be obtained for agricultural purposes and farmers have therefore been requested to use their plant.

The number of licences in force at the end of the year was "Accredited" 59 as compared with 58 in 1945, and "Tuberculin Tested" 16 as compared with 9 in 1945.

Repairs and alterations have been carried out at the following premises:-

1. Whincastle Farm, Askwith.
2. Hollingly Farm, Denton.
3. Mount Pleasant Farm, Fewston.
4. East Moorhouse Farm, Middleton.
5 Hardisty House Farm, Blubberhouses.
6. Mabaroan Lodge Farm, Bramhope.
7. Prospect Farm, Fewston.
8. Midge Hall Farm, Snowden.

SALVAGE AND SCAVENGING

In November, after the purchase by the Council of a Karrier Bantam Refuse Vehicle, the scavenging of the district was commenced by our own workmen.

At the end of the year the scheme had only been in operation for 2 months, but I have every reason to believe that arrangements will now be much more satisfactory and that collections will be carried out at regular fortnightly intervals.

Salvage was previously collected separately by horse and lorry, but this will now be collected in a trailer attached to the scavenging vehicle.

Our efforts as regards salvage have again reached a very high standard, and for the third year in succession our collections per 1,000 population were the highest for any rural district in the whole of Yorkshire.

INSPECTIONS.

Farms	213
Public Health	357
Housing	353
Drains	95
Sewers	120
Sewageworks	56
Schools	18
Slaughterhouses	31
Factories	45
Houses & other premises disinfected	23

NUISANCES ABATED

Nuisances caused by deposit of offensive matter ...	2
W.C's provided in lieu of privy middens	5
Privies abolished	5
Additional W.C's provided to existing property ...	10
W.C's provided to new property	14
Urinals provided	1
Water closets repaired	5
Defective sewers repaired or relaid...	2
Obstructions removed from sewers	9
Defective drains repaired or relaid...	7
Obstructions removed from drains	3
Drains connected to sewer which previously discharged into cesspools	3
Cesspools abolished by connection of drains to sewers...	2
Septic Tanks provided to treat sewage effluent ...	4
Additional inspection chambers provided on sewers ...	4
Nuisances caused by discharge of sewage on to land ...	2
Nuisances caused by pollution of streams and watercourses	3
Obstructions removed from sewage dykes	1
Sewage works repaired or cleaned	6
Nuisances caused by flood water	2
Defective bridges repaired...	1
Nuisances caused by overhanging trees	8
Houses provided with fresh supply of water as a result of previous supply being inadequate or pulluted	4
Water mains and services repaired or relaid	12
Obstructions removed from water mains	2
Water pumps repaired or renewed	3
Water pumping equipment repaired	4
Water storage tanks repaired or renewed	6
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned and disinfected ...	1
Internal house walls replastered or repaired... ...	22
External house walls repointed	26
House and bedroom ceilings replastered or repaired ...	5
House and bedroom floors repaired or relaid	25
House window frames repaired and repointed	26
House roofs repaired or renewed	25
Chimney stacks repaired, repointed or reflashed ...	15
Defective eaves guttering repaired or renewed ...	16
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed	9
Houses provided with additional light and ventilation...	8
Old property provided with baths and hot & cold water systems	11
Washing coppers repaired or renewed...	8
Defective sinks repaired or renewed...	2
Defective cooking ranges and firegrates repaired ...	12
New fireranges fixed	24
House paths or yards resurfaced or repaired	11

NOTICES SERVED.

Milk & Dairies Order.

Circulars re limewashing	246
Letters etc.	13

Housing Notices.

Section 9	6
Notices re waste of water	2
Letters etc.	15

Public Health Acts.

Informal Notices (Letters etc.)	68

Several schemes in connection with water supplies, sewerage and housing are projected, but these seem slow in materialising as negotiations with the various Government Departments concerned are so very lengthy.

As you are all aware, the Housing Programme has been considerably curtailed and the anticipated progress in this direction will not be possible until the Government again allow the construction of houses by private enterprise.

In spite of an extremely severe Winter and other unavoidable hardships, the health of the district has been good and there has not been any epidemic of disease.

This is the last Annual Report in which I shall be associated with Dr. Wolfe who, for so many years, has been our Medical Officer of Health, and I should like here to express my appreciation of his unfailing courtesy and help which at all times has been so freely given - I hope he may enjoy many years of happy retirement from his Public Health work.

I also wish to thank our Clerk (Mr. Newstead) and all other Members of the Staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year under review.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. ASHWORTH.

Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,